

# InMotion April 2012



Happy Spring! There are flowers blooming all over town, sometimes the sun even shines, and the temperatures are warming up so get out there and enjoy it. Take a hike, a bike ride or even just walk to the corner store for a gallon of milk.

A great goal for this spring could be to replace one car trip a week with walking, biking or taking the bus! Go for it!

See the final Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan at: [www.eugenepedbikeplan.org](http://www.eugenepedbikeplan.org)

*InMotion is a monthly e-newsletter produced to help communicate with Eugene's biking and walking enthusiasts. Each month you will find information about upcoming local events and advocacy opportunities that pertain to all forms of active transportation. Please feel free to forward this great community resource to anyone you think might enjoy it.*

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## **MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT**

### **Volunteers Needed for Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts in May 2012**

Pedestrians and bicyclists: As you know, our community is making a great effort to help Eugene become a more walkable and bikeable city. We need your help to count bicyclists and pedestrians along our paths and streets. Your help is critical in measuring existing use and evaluating the progress made over past years. Counting bicyclists and pedestrians is a great way to participate in the city's overall effort to make Eugene a great city for walking and biking with a small time commitment -- and you even get to be outside on a sunny spring day! Volunteers from previous years said it was fun, educational and passing walkers, runners and bicyclists were very excited that counts were happening.

We are looking for people to do weekday and Saturday counts on a sunny day in May. Weekday AM counts are from 7 - 9 AM and PM counts from 4 - 6 PM. Saturday counts are from 12 - 2 PM. The date the counts are taken can be arranged to meet your personal schedule.

If you are interested in doing a bicycle/pedestrian count (or even two), please contact Lee Shoemaker at 541-682-5471 or at [lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us) for more details. If you haven't previously volunteered to count pedestrians and bicyclists, there will be a short and easy training to go over the count forms and general instructions that will take about 15 to 30 minutes. Training sessions will be set up later in April but contact Lee soon to get on the pedestrian-bike count volunteer list.

## Draft Transportation Goals, Projects ready for Public Review

Community members are invited to comment on ideas for the City of Eugene's Transportation System Plan, or "TSP." Draft goals, objectives, and policies, which will shape future funding decisions and city work priorities around transportation projects, and lists of potential transportation projects, will be available for review and comment at six community forums coordinated with the Envision Eugene project.

The time and place for the Community Forums are:

- **Tuesday, April 10** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Sheldon Community Center (2445 Willakenzie Road)
- **Thursday, April 12** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the South Eugene High School (400 E. 19th Avenue)
- **Tuesday, April 17** from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the North Eugene High School (200 Silver Ln)

The transportation information will also be online at [www.EugeneTSP.org](http://www.EugeneTSP.org). You can review the materials and provide feedback through an online questionnaire between March 20 and April 30th.

Eugene's Transportation System Plan will define how the local transportation system should change to meet the needs of Eugene's residents, businesses, and visitors now and to the year 2035. The Transportation System Plan uses the Eugene Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as the basis for its recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

For more information about the project visit the project website at [www.EugeneTSP.org](http://www.EugeneTSP.org) or contact Kurt Yeiter, City of Eugene at 541-682-8379, or email [Kurt.M.Yeiter@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Kurt.M.Yeiter@ci.eugene.or.us).

## Carsharing Launches in Eugene/Springfield – Sign Up Now



The cities of Eugene & Springfield, Point2Point Solutions, and WeCar by Enterprise are excited to announce an exclusive car sharing program coming to the streets of Eugene and Springfield this April. Designed to provide you with an easier way to go where you want, when you want, WeCar vehicles will be conveniently parked throughout the city and available 24/7.

## ABOUT WECAR

Enterprise car share program, WeCar, is a refreshing alternative to car ownership without the expense and hassle.

- Enjoy a totally automated rental process - no lines, no hassles.
- Offered to anyone 21 years and older with a valid Driver's License.
- Rent for an hour, overnight, or for a full day.
- Access cars 24/7.
- 4 convenient locations:

### **Eugene**

Charnelton St. between W. Broadway & W. 10th Ave.

Patterson St. near E. 17th Ave

Hilyard St. near E. 11th Ave

### **Springfield**

500 block of Main Street

## HOW IT WORKS

Membership includes: fuel, parking spot, maintenance, up to 200 miles per day, damage/liability coverage.

- WeCar is a totally automated rental process where all you need to rent a WeCar vehicle is access to the internet
- Once a member, go to [wecar.com](http://wecar.com) or for smart phone users: [m.wecar.com](http://m.wecar.com)
- Log in, and reserve your WeCar vehicle.
- Use your WeCar membership smart card to access the WeCar vehicle. Get the keys out of the glove box and you're on your way.
- Return the vehicle to the same area you picked it up from and put the keys back in the glove box.
- Use your membership smart card to lock the doors.

## RATES

Rates start at: **\$5/hr.**, **\$58/day**, and **\$35** overnight (6pm – 8am).

A **\$20** application fee is **WAIVED** and **\$25** annual membership fee applies (50% savings!)

**BECOME A NEW WECAR MEMBER & RECEIVE \$35 DRIVING CREDITS.\***

To become a member, just click on this link: [wecar.com/EugeneSpringfield](http://wecar.com/EugeneSpringfield)

For more information about WeCar, visit [wecar.com](http://wecar.com).

## **FEATURED NEWS**

Carsharing Everywhere - Neighbor to Neighbor CarSharing coming to Eugene

Looking to reduce your car ownership costs? Need use of a car, truck or minivan from time to time but can't afford a second car?

Consider signing up for a peer to peer car sharing service that allows the sharing of personal vehicles. Companies like Getaround, Wheelz, JustShareIt and Relay Rides are expanding

nationwide. Getaround already has several hundred cars listed in Portland, and they have committed to expanding to Eugene once 25 local car owners have registered their vehicles.

Peer to peer car sharing companies provide a commercial insurance policy <<http://www.getaround.com/insurance>> that covers the driver and replaces the owner's coverage during a vehicle's rental through their platform. They make money by charging a (roughly 40%) commission, which is used to cover insurance and other overhead costs. Cars available through Getaround in Portland and the Bay Area include pickup trucks, Smart cars, hybrids, EVs, Sprinter RVs, Tesla Roadsters and just about any other make and model you can think of. Prices are set by the owner, and start as low as \$3/day and \$15/hour.

Users pay nothing to sign up and owners pay nothing to register their cars in the program. Owners can approve or decline any rental request, so trying the service is a breeze. The companies check users' driving records and use an Ebay-like peer rating system to keep participants on their best behavior.

Visit [www.getaround.com](http://www.getaround.com), RelayRides.com or Wheelz.com to learn more. To try a few hours of Getaround car sharing in our neighborhood for FREE: Sign up at [Getaround.com/@join12](http://Getaround.com/@join12). This url will give you the one-time \$25 free usage credit. For more information, call Lindsay Selser, Transportation Options Coordinator, 541-682-5094 or [Lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us).

### Announcing The Oregon Gran Fondo – June 2 & 3

Join [Co-Motion Cycles](#) and [Rolf Prima](#) for **The Oregon Gran Fondo** on the weekend of June 2nd. Start/Finish at Bohemia Park in historic downtown Cottage Grove, just 20 minutes south of Eugene, Oregon.

This OBRA-sanctioned, inaugural Oregon Gran Fondo will showcase rural South Willamette Valley communities and ancient Siuslaw National Forest scenery and roads. Chip timed. Competitive and non-competitive options. Take the Challenge!

**Gran Fondo** is Italian and translates approximately to “Big Ride.” Gran Fondo rides have their origin in Italy and France, where the general public was invited to ride a single stage of one of the professional grand tours, the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia, after the pro race went through.

Everyone, of any age and ability, was invited to participate. Ex-professionals and elite racers lined up side by side with 80-year-old farmers toting baguettes in the baskets of their 1920's era commuter bikes. Family members lined the route and handed out food and water bottles. While some choose to ride fast and test their endurance, by definition, a Gran Fondo is not a race, but rather a mass start event designed to draw the community together and give everyone a chance to enjoy the fun of riding a bike on the same course as the pros. It is truly a ride for everyone!

**No day-of-event registration will be available. Register [HERE](#).**

The 2012 Oregon Gran Fondo begins and ends at [Bohemia Park](#) in the heart of historic [Cottage Grove](#). From Bohemia Park the course heads west to the village of [Lorane](#) and from there continues west deep into the Siuslaw and Smith River watersheds. Ancient forests, low traffic rural and forest roads, hills, rivers, vistas, more hills, good eats, and more.

This is a timed event with a police-escorted, neutral, mass start. Come with your clubs or teams, wear your club kit and start together.

### Bicycle Theft Prevention Tips

YOUR BICYCLE is a great way to get around Eugene. It is healthy, sustainable and convenient. It's also attractive to thieves. Just by being aware of the problem you've already made a good start. Police recover many bicycles suspected to be stolen, but can't trace them back to their owners unless a report was filed with enough identifying information.

Below are a few simple precautions that can lower your odds of losing your favorite ride for good.

- DOCUMENT your bicycle. Keep the receipt. When you buy a bike, hold on to the sales receipt or bill of sale. Take a photo of the bike and any valuable add-ons. Write down the serial number, make and model of the bike and any valuable components.
- REGISTER your bike with the Eugene Police. Registration is free.
- LOCK IT UP—every time. Really. Every time. If you walk away from your bicycle, lock it securely—even if you will be gone just for a moment. It takes a thief only seconds to grab an unlocked bike and ride away on it.
- INVEST in a high-quality U-bolt lock. Consider also using a cable and padlock. Adding a second lock takes a few extra seconds each time you park your bike, but it's worth the time. Lock the bike frame to a solid bike rack, metal post, or other object that's at least as strong as the lock. Be sure to lock through the frame, not just a wheel.

TELL THE POLICE. Call police about suspicious persons loitering where bicycles are locked up.

If your bike is stolen, report it right away—if the bike is already gone, call 541.682.5111 or report it online at [www.eugene-or.gov/police](http://www.eugene-or.gov/police)

Call 9-1-1 to report any crime happening right now. Don't delay.

The more time you give a thief to transport, strip, repaint and resell your bike, the less likely you'll get anything back. But a delayed report is better than none, so give police a call!

### LTD Board Evaluates Fare Increase

The LTD Board takes time each year to evaluate the District's fares. This year the Board will evaluate an increase to the cash fare, day pass prices, RideSource fares, and group pass program rates. When considering changes to the fare, the Board will consider:

- The effects of the change on Title VI populations
- The inflation rate
- Ridership and revenue trends
- Local economic trends
- Trends in automobile-related costs, such as gas
- Service changes
- Economic impact on customers
- Market conditions and opportunities



- The District's financial situation
- The District's goals and objectives

The last time these fares were increased occurred in July 2008. If adopted, change to fares would become effective July 1, 2012.

The following chart summarizes what the Board is considering:

- 25¢ increase to the adult cash fare
- 50¢ increase to the adult day pass fare
- 10¢ increase to the youth and half-fare program fares
- 25¢ increase to the youth and half-fare program day pass fares
- 50¢ increase to the RideSource fare
- 5.8 percent increase to group pass rates

Public hearings are scheduled to occur 5:30 p.m. on April 9 and May 14 and will be held in the Bascom-Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library.

Written comments may be emailed to [LTD@ltd.org](mailto:LTD@ltd.org) or mailed to Lane Transit District, P.O. Box 7070, Springfield, OR 97475-0470.

### **GET INVOLVED – Public Involvement Opportunities**

#### **Springfield Transportation System Plan Open House – Input Needed**

Share ideas for transportation improvements in Springfield

As part of developing the City of Springfield's transportation system plan, community members are invited to suggest ideas for transportation improvements that could be funded and constructed over the next 20 years. The City is inviting community members to review draft goals and policies that will shape future decisions around transportation projects.

If you weren't able to attend the project open house on April 4th, participate in an online Open House at [www.SpringfieldTSP.org](http://www.SpringfieldTSP.org). Comments on potential project ideas, as well as the draft goals and policies will be collected through April 25, 2012.

#### **Envision Eugene Community Forums**

Envision Eugene is our community process for creating and achieving a vision for accommodating our future growth. Up to 34,000 more residents are anticipated in the city over the next 20 years. In March 2011, the draft proposal entitled Envision Eugene: A Legacy of Livability was released. The past 12 months have focused on staff and committee work to refine the draft strategies in the proposal. This month the work will result in a determination on Eugene's final land need for housing and jobs. The City Manager will present a draft recommendation, or planning framework, for accommodating our land needs on March 14. The recommendation will be posted on the website at [www.envisioneugene.org](http://www.envisioneugene.org) and available at public buildings throughout the city. A series of six community forums will be held to gather feedback on the draft recommendation; an on-line survey will be available; and a public hearing is scheduled for April 16. Potential council action on the draft recommendation is scheduled for May 16.

## Schedule of Community Forums

\*All from 6-8 pm\*

April 10 – Sheldon Community Center

April 12 – South Eugene High School

April 17 – North Eugene High School

The meeting format includes a staff presentation followed by interactive discussion among community members on the recommendation maps and strategies. Pick up a survey to fill out later, or complete it on-line at [www.envisioneugene.org](http://www.envisioneugene.org).

Community feedback is critical to having a successful plan. To learn more about Envision Eugene, contact Terri Harding, Envision Eugene Public Involvement Manager, at (541) 682-5635 or [terri.l.harding@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:terri.l.harding@ci.eugene.or.us).

### Eugene Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee – April 12

Thursday, April 12, 2012, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sloat Conference Room (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave.),

Atrium Building, 99 W. 10<sup>th</sup>, Eugene, OR 97401

Eugene's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the City of Eugene Transportation Planning staff and community organizations and partners on implementation of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan, represents community and constituent interests in transportation planning decisions, and provides feedback to staff on projects relating to walking and bicycling. Guests and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

All BPAC meetings are open to the public; guests will be provided with opportunities to speak at the beginning of each meeting. The staff liaison to the BPAC is Lee Shoemaker, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at (541) 682-5471.

### Agenda

1. Public Comment (10 min)
2. 2012 Project Updates (30 min)
  - On-street Pavement Preservation Projects
  - Path Connectors Project
  - Shared Use Path Pavement Projects
  - EWEB Beltline Bridge Work
3. Transportation Enhancement/ODOT Bike-Pedestrian Grant (15 min)
4. Information Share (30 min)
  - 2012 Bond Measure Update
  - Capstone Development Update
  - Committee Member Topics
5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Project Priority Process (10 min)
6. Transportation Options Update (10 min)
7. Committee Business – Terms and Decision Making (10 min)
8. Naming a River Road Path Connector (5 min)

## **AREA EVENTS**



### GEARs Bike Safety Class Schedule - 2012

The purpose of these classes is to provide an opportunity for people at all levels to learn more about bicycling - the laws that govern us in Oregon, the kinds of crashes that are the most common and how to avoid them, and ways to apply the principle "Bicyclists fare best when we act and are treated as drivers of vehicles."

VIEW CLASS SCHEDULE HERE: <http://edu.eugenegears.org/classes>

### Disciples of Dirt Mountain Biking Group Events - April

#### Trailwork Day @ Bloomberg Park – April 15

Sun, 04/15/2012 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Bloomberg Park

Come and help build Eugene's newest section of trail at Bloomberg Park. The Tensegrity cycling team has already put in a couple of weekends work out there. The plan for this trail work day is to lay some 3 inch rock to reinforce a muddy spot and to create some drains. Hopefully we'll also get started on a new mini loop. Check out the article on the front page of the website for more information about this project.

Bring your bike and we can ride the trail as well as the jeep road to Spring Blvd. after working.

To get to Bloomberg Park take Bloomberg Road right next to the Sequential Station off McVay Highway near LCC.

#### April 21-22 Trail work weekend.

Due to snow levels, trail: TBD. Time will be 9.

#### April 28 Happy Ride

The Happy Rides are all about just riding a mountain bike with people who want to smile and enjoy the dirt. These are fun rides...open to everyone who knows how to smile. Being a ripper or hammer is not necessary...in fact, if you feel the need to show everyone how cool or fast you are, this isn't the ride for you. That's not to say you have to be slow to come to Happy Rides, heck we get all manner of riders, it's just that Happy Rides are first and foremost about: FUN!

Location: Brice Creek Trail. Time: 11.

#### Wednesday night rides each week

This time of year they are at our trails near Lorane. 6 PM early loop for fast riding and 7 PM start for normal riders. For now, our Wednesday night rides continue every Wednesday at the trails in Lorane we call WhyPass @ 6 PM and 7 PM (early "fast pace" group and later less fast regroup). I'm unsure how much information you will need for these, but directions for our WhyPass trails are here <<http://disciplesofdirt.org/directions-whypass>> .

Our [calendar](#) will have additional information, particularly location for the trail work once it's been determined.

## LiveMove Speaker Series Presents – Getting Around on Foot – April 10

Getting Around on Foot with remarks by:

Stephanie Routh, Executive Director of Willamette Pedestrian Coalition and  
Scott Bricker, Executive Director of America Walks

April 10, 2012

Social Hour: 5-6pm

Presentation: 6-7pm

Location: Downtown Athletic Club Ballroom

## WREN's Family Exploration Day at Golden Gardens Ponds - April 14

Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN) will host the first spring program of the 2012 series of Family Exploration Days at Golden Gardens Ponds on Saturday, April 14th, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm. The event is FREE and open to the public. Participants are asked to meet at the pull-off located north of Barger Drive, at the intersection of Golden Gardens Street and Jessen Drive. Participants should bring a picnic lunch, water and wear sturdy shoes.

Early spring is an exciting time to explore the West Eugene Wetlands with your family. Golden Gardens Ponds holds such a dynamic history in the community and the West Eugene Wetlands. Participants will be able to catch insects, investigate plants, watch wildlife, and enjoy experiential learning in nature. WREN staff and volunteers will be on hand to check-out nature exploration equipment and provide guidance for independent exploration of the wonders in the wetlands.

“WREN’s Family Exploration Days provide children of all ages the opportunity to investigate the wonders of the great outdoors,” said Susanna Hamilton, WREN Staff & Volunteer Coordinator and Environmental Educator. “It’s an opportunity to learn and play in the wild places that exist within the City of Eugene.”

This event is generously supported by a grant from the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM’s vision is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens through the balanced stewardship of America’s public lands and resources. Its mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and the productivity of the nation’s public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

About WREN: For more information about WREN Family Exploration Day at Golden Gardens Ponds check our website at <http://www.wewetlands.org>.

Our office is located at the northeast corner of W. 11th Ave and S.

Danebo Ave, just north of the creek. The general phone is 541.338.7047.

## Center for Appropriate Transport Offers New Classes for Cyclists - April

### Industrial Sewing Class for Cyclists

\$45. on the first three Saturdays of the month, from 9am-12pm. Students will learn basic sewing skills, how to use an industrial sewing machine, use a serger, and much more. In this class, students will sew a waxed canvas backpack ( to take home). Call (541) 344-1197 for more info or (541) 683-3397 to sign up ( or stop by).

### Wheelbuilding 101

This class will teach you all you need to know about building wheels. We will provide a wheel for your first time. When you come to build your wheel you are welcome to bring your bike in. We will assist you to make sure that your wheels on your bike are properly trued and tensioned. With the completion of this class you will be encouraged to build your own custom wheel set using our shop space at Eugene Bicycle Works. Additionally if you would like to build a custom set of wheels we will offer you discounted pricing to buy your dream wheels.

Pre-registration is necessary. The cost of the class is \$45.00 per person. There is a maximum of 3 people. There will be 2 evening classes from 6:30pm – 9:30pm. The first session will be Wednesday April 4th and Thursday and 5th 2012

Other April weekly sessions:

Second session, April - 11th and 12th

Third session, April - 18th and 19th

Fourth session, April - 25th and 26th

If you are not able to attend one or more of the classes there will be 2 make up classes available as needed for an additional charge.

Call (541) 344-1197 for more info or (541) 683-3397 to sign up ( or stop by).

#### Kidical Mass - Bike to Skate Ride - April 21

Meet at Oakmont Park at 12pm and ride to Skate World (Free entry to first 20 kids).

It's our four year old birthday so let's celebrate by going to the skating rink!

Meet at Noon at Oakmont Park (optional 11:30 meet-up at Roosevelt Middle School back parking lot). Ride to Skate World in Springfield! Our first ride that ventures into our neighboring city and the first one involving roller skates!

Final details and information out the week before the ride in [the Kidical Mass E-Alert](#) .

#### Commissioner Forum Focused on Children's Health, Environment and Education – April 26

North Eugene County Commissioner Candidates' Forum

Date/Time: Thursday, April 26th, 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Willamette High School Cafeteria, 1801 Echo Hollow Road, Eugene

EUGENE, OR - On April 26, 2012, the Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth (LCHAY), in partnership with Beyond Toxics and Bethel STAND for Children, will host a non-partisan, public education forum with North Eugene County Commissioner Candidates. The focus of the forum will be issues affecting children today: childhood obesity, environmental pollutants and public education and our school systems. The forum will be held at Willamette High School on April 26, 2012 from 6:30-8:30pm. Candidates in the race for the North Eugene County Commissioner's seat are: City Councilman Pat Farr, current Commissioner Rob Handy and Nadia Sindi, all of whom will be participating in the forum.

Children today face a host of obstacles in their attempt to lead healthy lives and reach their fullest potential. These obstacles include health consequences related to obesity and environmental pollutants. North and West Eugene youth are struggling with:

- disproportionately high childhood obesity rates
- too many missed school days due to asthma triggered by environmental air pollution
- unreasonably wide achievement gaps and low graduation caused by poverty and language barriers

This forum is an opportunity for the public to hear from candidates on the issues that matter most for our children. The forum will be moderated by Margot Helphand, with an opportunity for audience questions.

#### Skateboarding Drop-In Lessons Offered on Wednesdays

The City of Eugene Outdoor Program invites skateboarders, age 5 and up, to learn the fundamentals of skateboarding and park riding at drop-in skateboarding lessons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday through May 9, at the U.S. SportsPlex, 4540 Commerce St. in Eugene. Children 18 & under must have parent present to register.

The cost is \$8 per lesson, paid on site. Helmets required, full pads highly recommended. Helmets, pads, and skateboards are available for loan.

For more information call 541-682-5329.

#### Bike Riding for Fun & Fitness - FREE!

The City of Eugene Adult Services program invites senior bike riders to participate in weekly bike rides that depart from Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., for in-town rides each Wednesday.

Rides begin at 10:30 a.m. January-April; at 9:30 a.m. beginning in May. Helmets are required; weekly attendance is not. Rides vary in length and time depending on ability. Free and drop-in; no registration required.

For more information call 541-682-5318.

#### Walking Groups

Self-led groups walk 9-11 a.m. on Fridays from Campbell Center, 155 High St., and 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursdays from Petersen Barn Center, 870 Berntzen Rd. The Campbell group typically does 3-5 miles at a brisk pace and may stop for coffee along the way. Both are drop in, no registration, and free. No walks when centers are closed. Call 541-682-5318 for information.

#### Rock Climbing: Community Climb Time @ ATA

The City of Eugene Outdoor Program invites families to learn rock climbing basics, practice indoor climbing, and spend quality time together in a safe, supportive environment 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Art & Technology Academy (Jefferson MS), 1650 W. 22nd Ave. March 13 will be a "Circus climb" and there is no climb on March 27.

The cost is \$5 and includes instruction, equipment and maintenance. Climbers age 4 and up must fit into a climbing harness. Ask about the family season pass – a great value at \$75! Drop-in only; no registration required.

For more information call 541-682-5329.

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## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

### **Road Construction Traffic Advisories**

- Check the [PW Projects](#) site for the latest information on road work in the Eugene area.
- Go to [www.keepusmoving.info](http://www.keepusmoving.info) for regional project reports, including City of Eugene, ODOT and other agencies
- For the most current updates, go to [www.twitter.com/EugenePW](https://www.twitter.com/EugenePW)



### **How to Report Maintenance Issues for City Facilities**

Glass on the path, leaves in the bike lane, or bushes overhanging the sidewalk? Report it to the City of Eugene!

Here are three options for reporting maintenance issues in bike lanes, on multi-use paths, sidewalks. You can use the first two to report any other issues in city right of way or parks:

1. Call 541-682-4800 during business hours.
2. Send an email to: [pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us)
3. Go to the City website – [www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov) , then go to the dropdown menu on the left side and choose Public Works Maintenance, then click on “Bike Lane Service.”

## **CITY RESOURCES**

### **Report a Pothole Program**

It's easy to report a pothole to the Eugene Public Works Maintenance Division! There is even a handy online pothole reporting form available at [www.eugene-or.gov/pothole](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pothole)! The form will ask for some brief information about the pothole, including its location (if on the path, try to give as much location info as possible). There's also a place for you to provide your contact information. If you would prefer, you can call Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and file the report over the phone.

If you'd like to follow up with the City after making a pothole request, just send an email to [pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us) with the word "pothole" in the subject line.

(Please remember that Eugene Public Works only repairs potholes on streets/paths in the city of Eugene. We will make a field inspection of every reported pothole within two business days. In many cases we will immediately fill the pothole; however, in some cases we may choose to wait

to schedule an alternate treatment such as maintenance overlay. FMI: go to [www.eugene-or.gov/pothole](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pothole))

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## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

### Water Bottles to Benefit the Jane Higdon Foundation

Honorary water bottles are being sold, with all proceeds going to help support the Jane Higdon Memorial Fund. The water bottles are \$5.00 and being sold at Newman's Fish Co. at 1545 Willamette Street, Eugene. Jane was an avid cyclist. She wanted to make a difference in the world and focused on ways to make her life more meaningful. She was tragically killed in 2006, when she was struck by a truck while on a bicycle training ride on a beautiful Oregon rural road.

The Memorial Fund supports scholarships and grants to encourage girls and young women to pursue healthy, active lifestyles and academic excellence. The Memorial Fund also makes donations to non-profits that advocate and work for bicycling and pedestrian safety in Oregon. Additional information can be found at: [www.janehigdonfoundation.com](http://www.janehigdonfoundation.com)

Don't Forget to Purchase Your "Share the Road" License Plates



Oregon residents can help support cycling throughout Oregon by purchasing "Share the Road" license plates from the Oregon State Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds go to the [Bicycle Transportation Alliance](#) and [Cycle Oregon](#) to help fund bicycle education and advocacy.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/platenonprof.shtml#share>

## **GOVERNMENT**

[Point2Point Solutions](#) promotes and offers transportation options programs to the Lane County region's businesses, organizations, and educational institutions for their employees, staff and students. It is supported by Lane County's jurisdictions and is housed at Lane Transit District, <http://www.ltd.org/cs/csindex.html>

[www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles](http://www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles) the City of Eugene website contains bike maps and resources for biking in Eugene.

[www.keepusmoving.info](http://www.keepusmoving.info) This site is user friendly and contains regional information about the transportation planning process, current projects, and information about transportation options. The site is maintained by the Lane Council of Governments.

The [Oregon Department of Transportation](#) (ODOT) website includes links to the [Oregon Bicycle Manual](#) and information on laws and regulations and a list of [bike travel web resources](#).

Smart Ways to School ([www.swts.ltd.org](http://www.swts.ltd.org)) offers free services to parents of K-12 students to help them walk, bike, carpool, or ride LTD to school. We offer a SchoolPool, a free carpool-match service. We can help parents find other students to form a walking or bicycling "school bus." Smart Ways to School also manages the free LTD pass program for students in grades 6-12. Call 682-6212.

UO Bike Program now offers bicycle maintenance classes every term. Call 541-346-4365 or come into the [Outdoor Program](#) office in the basement of the EMU to register.

The [U of O Department of Public Safety](#) strongly encourages bicycling as a way of responsible transportation. With Oregon weather, bicycling in winter months can be discouraging and challenging for those that may not have the proper riding gear. You'll find information in this site about the availability of covered parking, safety recommendations, and a listing of local shops where you may purchase adequate gear for the conditions.

The [Eugene Transportation System Plan website](#) has been updated to include notes from the Sustainable Transportation Analysis and Rating System (STARS) workshop. The online Transportation Library has the following additions:

- [ODOT's New Active Transportation Section](#)
- [How to dedicate funding for non-highway modes?](#)
- [Six trends spell trouble for transportation funding](#)

The Transportation Community Resource Group will not meet again until after the New Year.

[Lane Council of Governments](#) is the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization, the lead agency for regional transportation planning and distributing federal transportation dollars for the central Lane County area. It serves as a forum for cooperative transportation decision making within the region. The website has information about opportunities for public comment, news and events, meetings, and transportation plans and programs. <http://www.thempo.org/>

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#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

The Bicycle [Transportation Alliance \(BTA\)](#) is a statewide organization that works to promote bicycle use and safety and to improve bicycling conditions throughout the state of Oregon. In the Eugene/Springfield area, the BTA's Bicycle Safety program brings safety education to middle schools every year. For more information, go to [www.bta4bikes.org](http://www.bta4bikes.org).

[BikeLane Coalition](#) is a local non-profit organization that promotes safe cycling in Lane County. Membership opportunities include the Corporate Membership option: web page for the company, commuting assistance and route planning; and the Premium Membership option that includes membership in the League of American Bicyclists, The League Magazine, Bicycle Magazine, Roadside assistance and the usual benefits of membership such as discounts at participating bike shops. A discount is offered for those already members of other local cycling organizations. For more information go to [www.bikelanecoalition.org](http://www.bikelanecoalition.org)

[Center for Appropriate Transport \(CAT\)](#) is a non-profit organization committed to community involvement in manufacturing, using, and advocating sustainable modes of transportation. The first organization of its kind, the Center was founded in Eugene, Oregon in the fall of 1992. Since that time the CAT has established a number of projects under one roof designed to further this mission including Pedalers Express delivery service, education and youth programs, Eugene Bicycle Works community bike shop, and more. CAT has also established an



apprenticeship program that focuses on cargo bike frame building. For more information, go to [www.catoregon.org](http://www.catoregon.org)

[Eugene-Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club](#) - Volkssports, literally "popular" or "folk" sports, are organized walking, swimming, bicycling, roller skating, and cross-country skiing events providing exercise that contributes to physical fitness. The Mossback Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Willamalane Senior Adult Activity Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield. Please call 726-7169 or 747-6470, to verify meeting location. Club events are listed and described at their website, [www.mossbacks.org](http://www.mossbacks.org). For more information contact Carmella at [mossbackclub@comcast.net](mailto:mossbackclub@comcast.net).

[GEARS \(Greater Eugene Area Riders\)](#) invites the community to join club members on [several weekly bike rides](#). Rides vary in location, distance, and terrain. The main purpose of GEARS is to foster bike riding. All cyclists must wear an ANSI or SNEL/ASTM approved helmet. Riders should also carry a water bottle, tire pump, spare tube and patch kit.

Everyone is welcome to attend Eugene GEARS Board Meetings. For more information or times and location go to [www.eugenegears.org/](http://www.eugenegears.org/)

The Eugene Safe Routes to School Program is a community approach to encourage and enable more people to walk and bike to school safely. We support schools and families in their efforts to increase active transportation choices by supporting individual SRTS committees, growing bicycle and pedestrian education for adults and children, and working to establish policies that encourage healthy, fun, and safe transportation choices.

For more information contact Shane Rhodes at [rhodes\\_sh@4j.lane.edu](mailto:rhodes_sh@4j.lane.edu) or 541-556-3553

Nordic Walkers: For more information on Nordic Walking classes and lesson costs contact Barbara or Dan Gleason: 345-0450 or 345-3974 or email them at [nordicwalkerbg@comcast.net](mailto:nordicwalkerbg@comcast.net)

#### COMMUNITY BIKE BLOGS

[www.eugenecycles.com](http://www.eugenecycles.com)

[www.webikeeugene.org](http://www.webikeeugene.org)

[www.eugenebicyclist.com](http://www.eugenebicyclist.com)

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#### BUSINESS PARTNERS:

[Walk a Smile In](#): Step up, step out, step forward! Avid longtime walker/retired nurse walks one-on-one with clients to support improving personal and planetary fitness. Call or email for details, charges, appointment. Gift certificates available. Call or email Jenny at 541-343-6049, [walkasmilein@gmail.com](mailto:walkasmilein@gmail.com).

The [Eugene Running Company](#) offers a diverse series of walking and running groups for people of all levels from beginner to the hard-core. All groups and training are lead in a fun and supportive atmosphere. For more information on dates and times go to [www.eugenerunningcompany.com](http://www.eugenerunningcompany.com)

Second Summer Tours is a group led by Rob Templin, a local rider in Eugene. Join Rob and friends as he shares some of the 'secret' paths that will challenge you with tough climbs but

reward you with deserted, traffic-free riding; and scenery to take your breath away. Tours are based out of Eugene. For more information go to:  
<http://www.secondsummertours.com/oregon.php>

Spirited Walkers Group Joining the Spirited Walkers marathon training group is a wonderful way to start the new year by making commitment to becoming more healthy and active, whether you actually want to walk a marathon or not. Registered walkers meet once a month for a sit down meeting of guest speakers who cover information about yoga for walkers, nutrition, hydration, clothes, shoes, and mental training techniques. There is a large group walking every Sunday. Beginning and intermediate mileage schedules are available. If you are interested, please contact Kay Porter at 342-6875 or email [kayporter1@comcast.net](mailto:kayporter1@comcast.net) , or go to [www.thementalathlete.com](http://www.thementalathlete.com) for more information on times and cost.

Walk With Me! Walk the World with Tyler Burgess, fitness walking instructor and marathon walking coach for the University of Oregon and Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Tyler walks to see the world, whether it is a big city, foreign country or our own backyard. Free walking tours take place on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Meet at the end of High Street by the Campbell Senior Center. It is free, fun, and for beginners. For more information go to [www.walk-with-me.com](http://www.walk-with-me.com)

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